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Front Cover Feature: In this issue, Altrichter and colleagues survey conservation and nursery professionals to understand differences between these stakeholders in terms of use, sale, and perception of native and local ecotype plant material. Bridging the gap between these stakeholders is imperative for properly sourced, native plant material for successful ecological restoration projects. On the cover, *Bombus* sp. visiting an *Asclepias tuberosa* (butterfly milkweed), an important native plant used widely in the United States for ecological restoration activities. Photo credit: Elena Tartaglia.

Back Cover Features:

Top: Islands in the concrete jungle. Urban areas offer unique opportunities to study evolutionary processes. Photo credit: Myla E.J. Aronson.

Middle: Invasive shrubs *Berberis thunbergii* (Japanese barberry), *Lonicera tatarica* (Tatarian honeysuckle), and *L. morrowii* (Morrow's honeysuckle) dominate the understory of an unmanaged portion of mixed forest at Woodland Dunes Nature Center and Preserve, Two Rivers, Wisconsin, US. Photo credit: Rose Neumeyer Philips.

Bottom: An invasive plant manager revisits a previously treated *Imperata cylindrica* (cogon grass) patch in central Florida, US, documenting the current extent and infestation level, information which can be input into the Spatial Invasive Infestation and Priority Analysis model to help plan future treatment efforts. Photo credit: Ryan Stone.

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